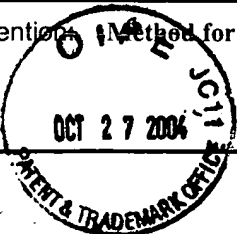
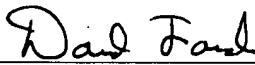



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Application No. 09/769,981	Filing Date 01/25/2001	Examiner HINES, Jana A.	Customer No. 23676	Group Art Unit 1645	Confirmation No. 5416
Invention: Method for the Evaluation of Implantable Materials					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 27, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.